



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

501.34424CX2

Applicant(s): H. MURAYAMA, et al

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For: COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING A PLURALITY OF COMPUTERS
EACH PROVIDING A SHARED STORAGE ACCESS PROCESSING
MECHANISM FOR CONTROLLING LOCAL/REMOTE ACCESS TO
SHARED STORAGE DEVICE (Amended)

Group: 2142

Examiner: H. Nguyen

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the first month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding final Office Action dated September 4, 2003. A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the amount of \$110.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 501.34424CX2).

Respectfully submitted,

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